and whether this has made the functioning of the six mills under NJMC non-viable; and

(b) whether Government are prepared to contribute six crores per month to keep the mills going after a final decision by BIFR in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Cash losses incurred and reimbursement made to NJMC during the last three years are as under:

	Cash loss incurred	Cash loss reimbursed
1991-92	56.56 crores	35.00 crores
1992-93	58.06 crores	26.25 crores
1993-94	6.24 crores (prov.)	30.25 crores

Total cash loss reimbursed by Government upto 31.3.94 is Rs. 446.71 crores as against cumulative cash loss upto 31.3.94 of Rs. 579.18 crores.

(b) A modified viability report for the N.J.M.C. has been submitted by the Indian Jute Industries' Research Association (IJIRA) which is under consideration of this Ministry in consultation with various Ministries/ agencies.

Production and Export of Silk Waste

3801. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total export of silk waste and processed silk waste during 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(b) what is the production of silk waste in the country and also the requirement of silk waste for the domestic companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The total export of silk waste, including processed silk waste, was 189 tonnes in 1991-92 and 231 tonnes in 1993-94. Due to suspension of pre-shipment inspection during 1992-93, compilation of export data for that year had not been feasible.

(b) The production of silk waste in the country during 1993-94 was 4,411 tonnes (provisional). However, since silk waste is consumed both in the organised as well as unorganised sectors it is not feasible precisely to assess its actual requirement for the domestic sector.

Task Force for Promotion of Production of Cotton Mills

3802. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a task force to promote the production in cotton mills in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what effective measures are being taken by Government to promote production of cotton in accordance with the requirements of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ministry of Agriculture which has the responsibility of cotton production is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme of Intensive Cotton Development Programme in important cotton growing States to increase the production of all types of cotton to meet the domestic reqirement and export of surplus produce. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to the States for supply of critical inputs such as seeds, pesticides, equipments, irrigation, sprinklers as also for organising demonstrations of improved technology and farmers training etc.

Turnaround Strategy for Jute Mills of National Jute Manufacturers Corporation (NJMC)

3803. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government and labour Unions of the jute Industry have reached a consensus